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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: VISIT TO THE US OF
HYDROMET CHIEF, DR. YURI IZRAEL

REF: BROWN/TECH TELECON 9/18/74

1. EMBASSY SEPTEMBER 20 INFORMED HYDROMET OF MR.
TRAIN'S PROPOSALS FOR MEETING WITH IZRAEL DURING
LATTER'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO THE U.S. IN OCTOBER.
KUVSHINNIKOV REPLIED THAT IZRAEL SIMPLY CANNOT ARRIVE
IN THE U.S. BEFORE OCTOBER 20 AND THEREFORE THE TIMES
SUGGESTED BY MR. TRAIN UNFORTUNATELYCANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED.

2. KUVSHINNIKOV THEN PROVIDED COPY OF UNDATED AND YET
UNSENT IZRAEL-TRAIN LETTER, THE SUBSTANCE OF WHICH IS
DETAILED BELOW. COPY OF THIS LETTER IS BEING POUCHED
TO EPA, REGISTRY NUMBER 1516380.

3. IZRAEL NOTES THAT HE NOW PLANS TO VISIT THE U.S.
OCTOBER 20-30 AND WILL TAKE PART IN THE EXPO-74
SYMPOSIUM ON OCTOBER 23-24. FOLLOWING THE SYMPOSIUM,
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HE WOULD APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT EPA'S

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CENTER IN CORVALLIS, OREGON AND ONE OF THE RECENTLY
DESIGNATED U.S. BIOSPHERE RESERVES. IZRAEL HAS NO
PARTICULAR CHOICE IN REGARD TO THE LATTER. A THIRD
VISIT TO A SITE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITY WOULD ALSO
BE USEFUL IF TIME PERMITS. THESE VISITS WOULD HAVE
TO BE MADE DURING THE PERIOD OCTOBER 25-29. IZAREL
WOULD THEN RETURN TO SPOKANE OR WOULD MEET WITH MR.
TRAIN IF POSSIBLE.

4. IZRAEL VERY MUCH HOPES THAT HE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY
TO MEET WITH MR. TRAIN AFTER VISITING EXPO, EVEN IF
BRIEFLY, IN ORDER TO DISCUSS MAJOR POINTS CONCERNING
THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT.

5. IN ORDER TO PAVE THE WAY FOR THE THIRD JOINT
COMMISSION MEETING, IZRAEL PROPOSES TO SEND THREE OR
FOUR SOVIET SPECIALISTS TO THE U.S. OCTOBER 20-NOVEMBER 3
FOR DISUCSSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS ON THE U.S.
SIDE. THE DELEGATION WILL PROBABLY CONSIST OF DRS.
KUVSHINNIKOV, CHIMICH AND AVDUSHIN, PLUS A YET UNNAMED
FOURTH SPECIALIST. KUVSHINNIKOV NOTED THAT THE SOVIET
DELEGATION WOULD LIKE TO SPEND OCOTBER 21-22 IN DISCUSSIONS,
FOLLOWED BY A BREAK TO JOIN IZRAEL IN SPOKANE
AND TO ACCOMPANY HIM ON SITE VISITS. GROUP WOULD
THEN RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR CONCLUDING DISCUSSIONS
OCTOBER 30-NOVEMEBER 2. AS NOTED IN IZRAEL-TRAIN LETTER
(PARA 2, ABOVE) THE SOVIET GROUP WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS:
A) BASIC RESULTS OF COOPERATION IN 1974;
B) BASIC STATUS OF THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FOR 1975,
INCLUDING THE BEGINNING OF COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF
BIOSPHERE PRESERVES AND;
C) ORDER OF WORK AT THE THIRD JOINT MEETING, COMPOSITION
OF THE U.S. DELEGATION AND THE PROGRAM FOR ITS VISIT TO
THE USSR.
6. IZRAEL PROPOSES THAT THE VISIT OF THE SOVIET SPECIALISTS
BE ON A "RECEIVING SIDE PAYS" BASIS.

7. IN THE CONCLUSION OF HIS LETTER, IZRAEL EXPRESSED
HIS DISTRESS OVER THE U.S. SIDE'S POSTPONEMENT OF THE
VISIT OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION IN THE COMPREHENSIVE
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ANALYSIS OF THE ENVIRONMENT PROJECT, NOTING THAT THE
TIMING FOR THE VISIT HAD BEEN AGREED UPON IN MAY 1974.
NEVERTHELESS, THE SOVIET SIDE AGREES TO POSTPONE THE
VISIT UNTIL JANUARY. IZRAEL URGENTLY REQUESTS THAT THE
U.S. SIDE SEND SOON THE TEXTS OF THE REPORTS DELIVERED
BY THE U.S. PARTICIPANTS AT THE TBILISI SYMPOSIUM IN
MARCH 1974, AND WHICH HAVE YET TO BE RECEIVED.

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8. IN REGARD TO THE MR. TRAIN'S VISIT TO THE USSR IN DECEMBER, KUVSHINNIKOV SAID THAT A TRIP TO CENTRAL ASIA CAN PROBABLY BE ARRANGED AS REQUESTED IN VIEW OF THE LONG RANGE PROSPECTS OF FAVORABLE WEATHER THERE AT THAT TIME, DESPITE FACT THAT DECEMBER IS NOT ORDINARILY GOOD TIME TO VISIT BECUASE OF COLD, RAIN, AND HIGH WINDS IN TASHKENT AREA.
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